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USING COLLABORATIVE FILTERING
AND WEB SPIDERING

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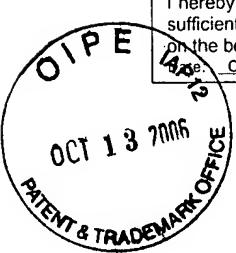
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

This Interview Summary summarizes the telephonic interview between Examiner LeRoux and the undersigned attorney on September 19, 2006.

The Final Office Action dated July 10, 2006, along with U.S. patent number 6,421,675 to Ryan, et al. ("Ryan"), the specification in general and claim 66 in particular were discussed. Prior to the interview, the Draft Request for Reconsideration attached hereto was sent by facsimile to the examiner for review.

During the interview, it was explained that the invention generally relates to a keyword suggestion tool for use by advertisers with pay for placement-type database search systems. In such a system, advertisers associated with items in the database (also called search listings) bid on keywords against other advertisers. When a user submits a search query, search results are returned including bidden items, ranked according to bids.

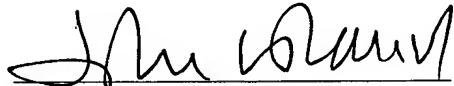
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The keyword suggestion tool provides possible keywords to an information provider. It was further explained that the terminology used in the application includes "information provider," "advertiser" and "web site promoter" to describe the individuals associated with bidden keywords and items in the database. For an information provider who needs help identifying additional keywords, the method and apparatus of the presently claimed invention uses unique features to provide potential keywords or search terms. In particular, keyword suggestion can be helpful for a new advertiser, who is just getting started with the system.

In addition to clarifying the terminology of the claims, the invention defined by claim 66 was distinguished over the Ryan reference. It was acknowledged that Ryan relates to a database search system and provides a "keyword suggester" at column 8. However, this keyword suggester is for the use of users of the database search system, not information providers. Ryan fails to disclose the present invention of claims 66-84 which relates to suggesting keywords to an information provider, as that term is used in the present application.

No agreement was reached regarding the status of the claims.

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